

October 10, 2022

October 10, 2022 is Indigenous Peoples Day in Wisconsin. Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by the International Conference on Discrimination Against the Indigenous Population in the Americas, a delegation sponsored by First Nations leaders in the United States. In October of 2019, Governor Tony Evers issued [Executive Order 50](#) declaring the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day.

On this day, we honor our state's Indigenous communities and the historical sacrifices indigenous people have made to this state, and celebrate the cultural, social and economic contributions these communities make across Wisconsin. It's also a time to recommit to the state's efforts to promote well-being and growth of Wisconsin's Native American communities. Wisconsin businesses, organizations, public institutions and local governments are challenged to recognize and celebrate indigenous peoples and cultivate strong relationships with Wisconsin Native Nations throughout our state, which is home to eleven [federally-recognized Native Nations](#) and one federally-unrecognized nation.

While there is still much work to be done to close the equity gap for Native Americans in Wisconsin, I encourage you all to stand in solidarity with indigenous peoples not only on this day, but in the days to come.

Thank you,

Secretary Kevin A. Carr